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THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY : The minimum wage fixed under the Minimum Wages Act for sanitary workers is Rs. 25 per mensem, all inclusive.

SRI K. P. GOPALAN : May I know from the Hon. Minister what the basic salary is and what the allowance is under the Minimum Wages Act? Do the Government think that with this income it will be possible for a human being to live and will the Government be pleased to enhance the minimum wage?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY : Minimum wages have been fixed by the Central Government.

SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR : From the evasion of the Hon. Minister, it is obvious that the wage must be less than Rs. 20. May I ask him to have the wage fixed on a more socialistic scale?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY : It may be considered under the new set-up.

Trunk-calls booked in Ramanathapuram Collectorate

* 2805 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN (on behalf of Sri M. Kalyanasundaram) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the total expenditure incurred on trunk-calls by the Collectorate of Ramanathapuram for the month of March 1955; and

(*b*) how many calls were booked during the said month for places outside India like Ceylon and to whom such calls were booked?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : (*a*) Rs. 103.

(*b*) No trunk-call has been booked during the said month for places outside India.

Tamil students in Anantapur Engineering College

* 2806 *Q.*—SRI D. KRISHNAMURTHI GOUNDER : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many students were selected from the Tamil districts and sent to Anantapur Engineering course (B.E.) in the year 1953;

(*b*) how many of them were given merit scholarships;

(*c*) whether they received that scholarship now also;

(*d*) if not, why; and

(*e*) what steps the Government have taken to continue those scholarships to them?